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the slowness with which the settlement of New France proceeded very early attracted the attention of the home government and the grants were thenceforth made by the Crown. In fact, one derives from the book a very strong impression of the kindly paternalism of the Grand Monarch and the constant effort made to extend his settlements and care for the welfare of the settlers. This attitude of France toward her colonies is well known, but Professor Munro makes it particularly clear in his discussion of the banal rights of the seignior; he shows how the chief of these rights, that of the banal mill, was, at least in the early days, a burden rather than a source of profit to the seignior; neither the banal rights, the *corvées* nor the dues in money or kind are regarded by the author as particularly oppressive, and the position of the *habitant* is shown to have been far superior to that of the peasant in France.

The relation of the Church to the seignior and to the system is discussed in one of the very interesting chapters; the relations of Church and State in Canada were the reverse of those usually to be found; there it was support of the State by the Church rather than Church by State and many seigniories were granted to religious bodies. It is remarkable, however, that the "clerical officials and orders manifested no desire to exercise judicial authority."

The later history of the system under British rule until its final disappearance in 1854 is not entirely to the credit of the conquerors. Its bad features received an increased emphasis from the strictly commercial attitude taken by the English seigniors who supplanted the French in large part after 1763.

A Bibliographical Appendix, which is really a critical essay on the sources; an Alphabetical List of Printed Materials and an Index are valuable to the student and add materially to the worth of the book.

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